

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Tuesday, March 20, 2001

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 569. A bill entitled the "Health Care Access Improvement Act;" to the Committee on Finance.
Burns *Pages S 2582, S 2584-5*

S. 570. A bill *to establish a permanent Violence Against Women Office* at the Department of Justice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Biden *Pages S 2582, S 2585-6*

S. 575. A bill entitled the "*Hospital Length of Stay Act of 2001*;" to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Feinstein *Pages S 2582, S 2589-90*

Campaign Finance Reform:

Senate continued consideration of S. 27, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:
Pages S 2536-52, S 2553-71, D 235

Adopted:

By 70 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 38), **Domenici Amendment No. 115**, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to modify individual contribution limits in response to expenditures of a candidate from personal funds.

Pages S 2547-50, D 235

Rejected:

By 37 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 39), **Bennett Amendment No. 117**, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit separate segregated funds and nonconnected political committees from using soft money to subsidize hard dollar fund-raising.

Pages S 2550-52, S 2553-60, D 235

Smith (OR) Amendment No. 118, to prohibit candidates and Members of Congress from accepting certain contributions while Congress is in session. (By 74 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 40), **Senate tabled the amendment.**)

Pages S 2561-67, D 235

Torricelli Amendment No. 122, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require television broadcast stations, and providers of cable or satellite television service, to provide lowest unit rate to committees of political parties purchasing time on behalf of candidates.

Pages S 2567-71, D 135

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of **Torricelli Amendment No. 122** (listed above) of the bill on Wednesday, March 21, 2001.

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Committee Meetings for Wednesday, March 21, 2001:

Committee on the Judiciary: @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings on **S. 520**, to increase and maintain competition in the domestic aviation industry, SD- 226.

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United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: @ 9:30 a.m. To hold hearings to examine the use and effects of the drug ecstasy, SH-216.

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Executive Communication:

EC-1011. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, *transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report concerning the prison impact assessment for 2000*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 1097. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to tobacco products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Ganske

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H.R. 1104. A bill to *amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974* to provide, in the case of an employee welfare benefit plan providing benefits in the event of disability, an exemption from preemption under such title for State tort actions to recover damages arising from the failure of the plan to timely provide such benefits; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Andrews

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H.R. 1105. A bill to amend the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 *to provide for homeowners to recover treble damages from mortgage escrow servicers* for failures by such servicers to make timely payments from escrow accounts for homeowners insurance, taxes, or other charges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

Andrews

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H.R. 1109. A bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Goodlatte

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H.R. 1110. A bill to prohibit high school and college sports gambling in all States including States where such gambling was permitted prior to 1991; to the Committee on the Judiciary. *(Title 18)*

Graham

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H.R. 1112. A bill to *make Federal law apply to antique firearms* in the same way it applies to other firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Hoeffel

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Bills Introduced (Cont'd.):

H.R. 1114. A bill to combat international money laundering and protect the United States financial system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

LaFalce

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H.R. 1124. A bill to authorize the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to enter into negotiations with representatives of the Government of Cuba to provide for increased cooperation between Cuba and the United States on drug interdiction efforts; to the Committee on International Relations.

Rangel

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H.R. 1131. A bill to provide permanent appropriations to the Radiation Exposure Compensation Trust Fund to make payments under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (42 U.S.C. 2210 note); to the Committee on Appropriations.

Udall

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H.R. 1132. A bill to ensure the timely payment of benefits to eligible persons under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (42 U.S.C. 2210 note); to the Committee on Appropriations.

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H.J. Res. 39. A joint resolution *proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States* to repeal the 22nd amendment to the Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Hoyer

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Message From The Senate:

–Announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 420. *An act to amend title 11, United States Code, and for other purposes.*

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on Medicare Solvency.

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Finance concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Ways and Means to examine the 2001 Social Security and Medicare Trustees Reports.

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Committee Meetings For Wednesday, March 21, 2001:

Committee on Appropriations, @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on *Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, and Judicial Offices. H-309 Capitol.*

Committee on the Budget, @ 10:00 a.m. To mark up Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2002. 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, to mark up **H.R. 718**, Unsolicited Commercial Electronic Mail Act of 2001. 2123 Rayburn.

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Committee Meetings For Wednesday, March 21, 2001 (Cont'd.):

Committee on Government Reform, @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial

Management, and Intergovernmental Relations, to mark up a Committee Report entitled: "*A Citizens Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records.*" 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up **H.R. 503**, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2001. 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Crime, to mark up **H.R. 863**, Consequences for Juvenile Offenders Act of 2001. 2237 Rayburn.

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Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Terrorism Working Group, @ 2:00 p.m. Executive, briefing on Worldwide Terrorist Threat Posed by the Usama Bin Laden (UBL) Organization and U.S. Countermeasures. H-405 Capitol.

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Remarks:

Violence Against Women.

Biggert

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Domestic Violence.

Roybal-Allard

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Jackson-Lee

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Introduction Of The International Couter-Money Laundering And Anti-Corruption Act Of 2001.
(**H.R. 1114**)

LaFalce

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H.R. 333 Provides Relief To Families, Consumers, Farmers And Small Businesses.

Moore

Pages E 399-400

Violence Against Women.

Schakowsky

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Politicizing The Federal Judiciary.

"... President Bush's actions with the federal judiciary in just the past week--when the White House may believe that everyone is distracted with the tax cutting plan for the rich--may in fact prove just how far out of touch with the mainstream, and its own campaign rhetoric, this administration really is. First, the White House has floated a balloon that it's considering abandoning the long-standing practice of soliciting comments from the ABA for judicial nominees. This could be the clearest signal that ideology and a crass desire to politicize the judiciary--rather than judicial competence--will be touchstone for Bush nominations to the federal judiciary..."

Conyers

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Next SENATE MEETING: Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., March 21, 2001.

Next HOUSE MEETING: Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., March 21, 2001.

OLA: S. Schwarz (Smith), J. Homanich